

9th July, 1953.

Dear Josh,

I am writing this in haste to apologize for asking you for the memorandum which I have just discovered arrived about two weeks ago. The envelope was put into the refrigerator and I knew nothing about it until ~~during the last~~ five minutes, ^{ago} I am speeding this letter on its way hoping that it will arrive simultaneously with the preceding one which was posted this morning.

I shall let you have everything you want within the next few days.

Thank you for the sample of PLT22V. As soon as I do another cross test, which cannot be long deferred, I shall put it up with the other phages and let you know the result.

I share your doubts concerning the significance of the somatic transductions you have mentioned, especially of factor I which is notoriously variable. Have you examined the E group phenomena yet, about which you gave a seminar the day of my arrival in Madison?

Thank you for writing to Bruce; I think the alterations have already been made. I gathered this from a chat with Dr. Felix who has seen the final draft of the paper; I did not directly raise the points I discussed with you but certain details cropped up during the discussion which made me assume that the alterations had been effected.

I will willingly accept 'happenstance' as you have found other examples of it; it might perhaps restore dignity to the English language if one were able to reinstate a few such forgotten terms, or revive the archaic meaning of other words which have become debased or distorted during the 19th and 20th centuries. I am glad that you have partly cured Edwards of his antipathy towards split verbs - I found some of his constructions extremely ugly.

Kind regards,
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